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Dear ELH Parent/Guardian,

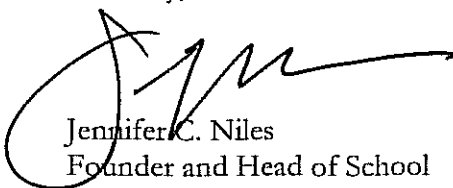
As you may know, in January 2002 the US Congress passed a federal education law called *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB). NCLB requires the state, districts and schools to meet specific achievement targets in math and reading, as well as a set of other academic and non-academic indicators. The achievement targets for the District of Columbia this year are **60.53%** of the students proficient in reading and **55.21%** of the students proficient in mathematics at the elementary level. All students must meet these targets, including the following populations: major ethnic groups, special education students, limited English proficient students and low-income students. In addition, at least 95 percent of the students enrolled in schools must participate in the state assessments. The school must have a 90 percent annual student attendance rate. Collectively, these targets are known as adequate yearly progress (AYP).

ELH received its AYP data for the 2008-2009 school year. School-wide, ELH had **66.13%** of our students meet or exceed the target in reading and **79.57%** of our students met or exceed the target in math. And we're pleased to note that nearly 40% of our students are advanced in math! Our AYP data is posted in more detail on the bulletin board in the Family Resource Center in our lobby above the coffee machine. Based on all the data, however, we did not make AYP. This is the second consecutive year that we have not met our targets which means that our school is now in a needs improvement category called "School Improvement II." Schools in this category are required by NCLB to notify parents of eligible students that they have the option of transferring to another school that has made its AYP.

In addition to AYP notification, schools are required to inform parents of their right to request information on the professional qualifications of their child's teacher. All of our instructional staff at ELH meet the highly qualified criteria in accordance with NCLB. If you would like more information, please contact Ms. Molitor, Principal of preK – 3rd, Mr. Westendorf, Principal of 4th – 7th, or myself or look on our website: www.elhaynes.org.

You should know that we are developing a school improvement plan to help struggling students reach proficiency this school year. Your continued support and belief that our school can help all students meet high standards is important to us.

Sincerely,



Jennifer C. Niles
Founder and Head of School